



"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; AND THEREFORE NEVER SEND TO KNOW FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS; IT TOLLS FOR THEE."

— JOHN DONNE, Devotions XVII (about 1623)

# Common Sense®

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"The truth,  
the whole truth,  
and nothing  
but the truth  
... without fear  
or favor"

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## THE END OF THE TRAIL...

After 26 Years of Telling It Like  
It Is — THAT'S ALL THERE IS ...  
THERE IS NO MORE!!!

Dear Readers, Friends and Adversaries:  
The days of newspapers are just about over. The days of signing petitions, writing letters to the editor, lifting teacups at polite little meetings, and hoping against hope that "our" elected officials will get off the system's dirty payroll, are rapidly coming to a close. The days of "educating the people" are coming to an **END** and the days of naked fighting for **SURVIVAL** are **BEGINNING !!!**

After more than a quarter century of battling the manifold enemies of Christian America, **COMMON SENSE** will cease publication!

There is absolutely no point rehashing in this final issue what has been said during the past 26 years. If our message has not registered by now, it never will. We are not interested in recounting, ad infinitum, the same dreary tales of how and why our people are in the present fix. We know that no alien minority could have possibly made such a shambles out of our nation and our Christian faith had it not been for the weak, gutless Christians who refused to stand up for **Christ** and live according to **His** teachings.

**COMMON SENSE** has had both the distinction, burden and the dangerous job of exposing the **REAL** enemies of Christianity. While many others who professed the same beliefs chose to hide behind the facade of "respectability" and duck the issues publicly, we manned the barricades and fought right up to the present. Now we have reached the end of the trail.

Times reportedly will become more violent and cruel, and we might just as well prepare ourselves for this now. The days of being "nice guys" or rather, "nice Goys" are over. Our once-proud nation has been wrecked beyond our wildest imagination. Every real vestige of Christianity, our ancient faith, has been eaten through with termites and looms before all decent men as a hollow shell which serves only the diabolical influences of Satan, not the faithful.

Yes, the truth is harsh. Predictions by this newspaper 10 and 20 years ago have been actualized and are with us today. We have an excellent record of calling the shots and calling them right. The true test of time has proven this. Therefore, you must believe us when we explain that the unprecedented downhill slide of everything in our entire society forces the discontinuance of this paper. As God wills the cycles of all life, the ebb and flow of history, we know that old forms and methods must give way



CONDE MCGINLEY

Our founder and leader. For 26 years we have been guided in our work by the indomitable spirit of a man who gave his all to save his country and Christianity. In life, as well as in these years after his passing, we have held true to the course he charted.

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before the onrush of events. Certainly **COMMON SENSE** is not exempt from this fact of life.

**ALL** of the methods we have used up to now for the purpose of "saving the country" or rather, "saving the status quo" have, over a period of 50 long years, proven to be entirely futile, a complete waste of time, effort and money.

Yes, we have much to be pessimistic about. Since we at **COMMON SENSE** headquarters have access to high-level information from sources all over the world, we can say with justification that there is no warrant for optimism at all. We would be lying if we indicated that better times were a short distance away and that we could regain our nation and our dignity by preening ourselves on what "good patriots" we are and sitting in our homes, childishly wishing for a quick, effortless and "polite" salvation. **IT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN !**

By facing reality, we at **COMMON SENSE** in no way feel ourselves to be "quitters" or as some childishly ignorant individuals have suggested, "traitors," or "agents," or any other fancy names we have been called. Like any good general, we are merely shifting from one theater of operation to another more important one. We are preparing for this next phase of battle and recommend to our readers to do like-

### Editorial

**COMMON SENSE IS DEAD !** Its death was truly an act of mercy and honor. Since the very day our founder **Conde McGinley** jumped into the battle — right up on the front lines — this newspaper made a valiant effort through certain dedicated individuals to warn an undeserving nation of the fate to befall it should it continue in its evil ways. Decades ago we thought we could forestall the collapse of this nation, but now we have seen the picture more clearly and squarely resign ourselves to the fact that the job will take a lot more than anything we have done before.

The founder and editor of **COMMON SENSE** for 18 years, our precious **Conde McGinley**, was called out of this world by **His Maker** nine years ago. At that time **COMMON SENSE** was critically ill and death seemed imminent. But through prayer, proper nourishment, and the best of loving attention, **COMMON SENSE** was nursed back to reasonable health, although still critically ill. Many faithful friends of **Conde McGinley** prayed for a miracle and God had answered their prayers.

As time went on, there were little rays of hope in the failing **COMMON SENSE**. Our friends rallied and transfusions were more frequent. At various times, new life blood was infused into the little patriotic journal that stood fast on the principles of the founder who believed in **THE TRUTH**, and who refused to compromise with anything less. But the more it told the truth, the the more it was subjected to abuse and vilification.

Many will rejoice in the death of **COMMON SENSE** but there will also be many tears shed as there were for **Conde McGinley**, but regardless of joy or sorrow, **COMMON SENSE** will long be remembered, and only history will testify to its truthfulness. Those of us who nurtured **COMMON SENSE** these nine years, know it dies **HONORABLY** in the service of the country it loved, and above all, in the service of **Almighty God** for whom it worked without ceasing.

In one sense, the work of **COMMON SENSE** is finished — yet in another sense, we now depart on a journey into territory unknown — to take part in a more important battle to save **Christianity** — and from where we hope some day to see the end-results of our efforts the past 26 years.

Again, time alone will tell.

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